

Minutes
Pot Creek Distribution System Annual Water Users' Meeting
Auditorium, Uintah County Courthouse, Vernal, Utah

The meeting was opened at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 7, 1973, by Chairman Robert F. Guy. The minutes of the 1972 meeting were read. The motion for approval of the minutes without corrections was made by Larry Wilson and seconded by Bill Karren. The motion carried.

The financial report was presented by John Bene, showing:

1. Receipts

a. Regular Assessments	\$352.03
b. Delinquent Collect.	<u>1.00</u>
c. Total Receipts	\$353.03

2. Expenditures \$314.56

This showed an increase in the bank reserves from \$243.83 to \$282.30. The budget was then examined by item showing the budget set up at \$390.00 with expenditures of \$314.56 and the assessment for 1972 at \$340.00. The financial reports was approved as read.

The water commissioner said that he was resigning and that a new commissioner would have to be selected for 1973. He then gave his distribution report for 1972. Runoff from Pot Creek drainage above the Matt Warner Reservoir from April 1, 1972, through June 30, 1972, totaled 1364 ac.-ft. Some water ran off prior to April 1, 1972, but due to ice in the recorder a record is not available at this time. Credit to the Fish and Game will have to be established from whatever visual checks were made prior to April 1, 1972. This compares below the 1971 runoff totaling 2848 ac.-ft. but is in line with other drainage systems in the area for 1972. The beginning of the runoff period is not determined, but some indications are that runoff may have occurred late in December and early in January due to an unusual rain at this time. The peak recorded flow occurred April 11, 1972, at 21 sec.-ft. The flow came fairly stable during April and May, averaging around 10 sec.-ft. daily. For daily breakdown of flows and rights, see the records section entered in the report.

The year was very unusual with winter rains and a general drought condition on through the spring and summer. The Fish and Game Commission were entitled to a total of 725 ac.-ft. of the measured water. Then they entered into an exchange agreement with Zelph Calder for 500 ac.-ft. released to them in 1971 by Mr. Calder. The Fish and Game people were delivered from the Crouse Reservoir 770 ac.-ft. during the season.

Colorado rights were entitled a total of 257 ac.-ft. for 1972. In addition, they had credit of 136 ac.-ft. held over from 1971. They were delivered a total of 200 ac.-ft. in 1972, leaving a balance due of 193 ac.-ft. to be delivered in 1973.

Max Rasmussen and Karl Searle received approximately 40 ac.-ft. during the season as worked out between them and Mr. Calder. Mr. Calder also took care of his commitments with Allen Bennion and Ralph Siddoway independent from the commissioner.

The Calder Rights were a total of 372 ac.-ft. of the measured water but undoubtedly picked up some unmeasured water prior to April 1, 1972. This is substantiated by reservoir gage heights on the Matt Warner Reservoir which indicate 1600 ac.-ft. came into the Matt Warner--approximately 250 ac.-ft. more than was measured. Of this water the Fish and Game is entitled to an undetermined amount and Mr. Calder the balance. This matter will need to be worked out between the Fish and Game Commission and Mr. Calder and does not affect the Colorado users since it is before their rights begin.

A total of twelve trips were made during the season for the purpose of regulation and deliveries.

Outlook for the 1973 water supply is excellent as of March 1, 1973, due to above normal precipitation in the area early in the fall and continuing the winter. All distribution is based on the U.S.G.S. recorder located above the Matt Warner Reservoir on Pot Creek.

There was much discussion concerning the commissioner's report. Zeph Calder stated that the 193 ac.-ft. of water for the Colorado rights had been turned down from Matt Warner Reservoir and was presently in the Crouse Reservoir. Larry Wilson then asked how long the 193 ac.-ft. could be held in storage. Discussion showed that there was no obligation on the part of the Fish and Game to store the Colorado rights water and that the Colorado users want it as soon as possible and had wanted it last year but were unable to obtain it at that time due to the construction by Zeph Calder. Larry Wilson made the motion that the commissioner's report be approved. The motion was seconded by Bill Karren and carried.

Nominations for the position of water commissioner were then made. Dave Rasmussen was nominated by Bill Karren but declined due to other commitments. Doug Walker was nominated but also declined. Cliff McCoy recommended that an employee of the Fish and Game office be nominated as he would be in the vicinity constantly. Two nominations were then made-- Doug Chew and Udell Gardner. Udell Gardner was voted in as the water users' recommended candidate for the position of commissioner to the State Engineer. Mr. Gardner said that he could not at present determine if any costs would be necessary because he duties already took him in the area.

Bill Karren recommended that the budget for 1973 remain the same as the budget for 1972 but that the assessment be set at \$200. He made the motion to this effect, and the motion was seconded by Max Rasmussen. The motion carried.

The Fish and Game people stated that they would get together with Zelf Calder to work out the credit on the early runoff.

The annual agreement with Colorado will have to await the appointment of the new Utah State Engineer inasmuch as the agreement is handled through the Colorado State Engineer and the Utah State Engineer.

Joseph Calder made the motion that the meeting adjourn. The motion carried.

Those present at the meeting were:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Donald Norseth	Division of Water Rights
John Bene	Deputy State Engineer
Robert Guy	Division of Water Rights
Gary Cupp	Division of Water Rights
William H. Karren	Colorado Rights
Wes Signs	Colorado Water Resources
M. William Mattern	Colorado Water Resources
Loren L. Swick	Colorado Water Resources
Zelf Calder	Matt Warner Reservoir
Tessie Calder	Uintah Mountain Trout Ranch
Edgar Jones	Zelf Calder leasor
Douglas Chew	Zelf Calder leasor
Max Rasmussen	
Clifton W. McCoy	
Joseph Calder	
Allen Bennion	
Larry J. Wilson	Utah Div. of Wildlife Resources
Clair L. Huff	Utah Div. of Wildlife Resources
Udell Gardiner	Utah Div. of Wildlife Resources
Don M. Walker	
Ralph Walker	
Ralph Siddoway	